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When Gina turns thirty-three her body clock unexpectedly begins clanging in her ear with annoying persistence. The only problem is, having a baby isn't as easy as she thought. Whether she's feng shui-ing the house to death with fertility symbols, throwing out her husband's tight boxers in favour of baggies, swapping wine and chocolate for green tea and yams, popping fertility drugs like M&M's, or having sex so precision-timed it makes international warfare manoeuvres look unorganized, her life is turned upside down. And when nothing seems to be working, her quest for the B-word turns into an obsession.

Can Gina stay sane, get pregnant, and keep her marriage together? Or will her baby trail become a baby trap?

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From Reader Review The Baby Trap for online ebook

Angela Holtz says

From Lilac Wolf and Stuff

Very classy cover, definitely eye catching with the pink and all the baby items. I love that font too. :)

The story is funny and gripping. I really couldn't put it down once I started. You know it's bad when you are laying in bed thinking, "I could get up and finish that book right now."

I never had an issue with infertility, although we were expecting me to. Hodge does such a great job with her descriptive writing that you really felt what Gina felt all through the tracking of her temperature, the planning of sex, ovulation, doctors, hormone shots and finally the IVF (In Vitro Fertilization) treatment. I stopped reading last night before the treatment and I was dying to know what happened. I really didn't know what I would do if it didn't work. Well you'll have to read for yourself to find out.

The character Gina really does have a great husband and father...however she has a super-rude step-mother and step-sister. I love it when she goes off on people who mistreat their kids. Even just complaining about their existence is enough to set her off, and I'm fully in her corner. If you hate kids so much, then why have them at all? Is adoption not an option when you are a professional?

Get yourself a copy today. This is comedic chick-lit gold! :)

Christine Cunningham says

Gina loves to have a good time. In fact, that's how she met her husband. One morning after a party Gina has a vision of a blue-eyed baby in her garden. Her groggy husband stumbles to the kitchen and is surprised by Gina blurting out that she wants a baby. After several months of trying to conceive, the couple begins a tiring quest through fertility treatments, fertility spells and a few other desperate acts to produce the elusive baby.

I really enjoyed this book. There are several characters we meet on Gina's journey. I loved how the story while dealing with a highly sensitive subject allows humor to seep in. While this story deals with trying to get pregnant there is wonderful advice that applies to other areas of life. My favorite quote from the book: It's the death of a dream, but it's not death.

I highly recommend this book for anyone looking for a positive different perspective.

Joanne says

Warning: don't drink while reading; thank goodness eReaders have glass screens so are easy to clean after spitting coffee on them. 'The Baby Trap' is an emotional rollercoaster: one minute I was laughing out loud, and the next I had tears rolling down my face. Sibel Hodge handles the difficult subject of infertility with the humour that I associate with her, but also a great deal of sensitivity. I read into the early hours as I couldn't

put it down until the very end. I highly recommend this book.

Chrissy says

For the next six months, we had so much sex I thought his willy might fall off from overuse...

If there's anything that Gina wants.. needs.. and MUST HAVE... on the whole entire planet, it is (of course) a baby. Since all of Gina's friends have had such an easy time getting pregnant, it shouldn't be THAT hard for Gina and her husband to get pregnant, right?

WRONG.

After months and months of trying, Gina is at the end of her patience with trying to conceive a child. Thinking she's tried everything out there, Gina decides to take advice from her loopy, new age-y new friend -- who proceeds to lead Gina into a chain of phone text psychics, crystal healing sessions, and baby-making spells. Desperate to quiet her loudly ticking biological clock, Gina finds herself in hilarious situations -- like the time a police pulled her over when she was holding a chilled bottle of her husband's sperm... or the time her husband's boss walked in right in the middle of a "quickie".

Although Gina has told herself that she would not be one of those women who planned her entire life around the calendar marking her ovulation days, she soon realizes that she too has fallen into THE BABY TRAP.

Celebrate what you have. Don't grieve for what you never had. Don't sacrifice living.

Can Gina save her sanity and her marriage before she gives up on her dream of motherhood?

BABY TRAP was a cute, quick, funny, spunky read that was definitely more enjoyable than I expected. Be forewarned, though -- this is British chick lit, and is thus filled with British slang and a few phrases that were a bit unfamiliar to me. Also, I knew from about page 20 how the story would end -- but this didn't detract in any way from the funnies along the way.

I'll NEVER turn down a good chick lit, so a huge THANK YOU to the publishers who allowed me the opportunity to review an advanced copy of the novel. I'll definitely check out more from this author in the future.

Amanda says

Although this book is fiction. Its a story about infertility and a couple's journey through IVF based on the authors own life experience.

Lisa Lim says

I loved, loved, loved this book! It was fun, spunky and oh so relatable. Baby Trap definitely struck a chord with me. Like Gina, I struggled with infertility. It took me about 3 years before I was finally pregnant with

my first child and I found myself nodding my head many times as I related to Gina's frustrations and exasperation. Baby Trap is hilarious but it also addresses a difficult, sensitive and often times complicated topic. It is a very relevant story and Sibel Hodge has brought her trademark sharp eye, witty humor and introspective storytelling to Baby Trap. It was a very satisfying and uplifting read with a wonderful message and lesson learned at the end. This is chick lit with a good dose of humor and plenty of heart.

I've read most of Sibel Hodge's chick lit novels and this is one of my favorites! Whether you've struggled with infertility or not, this is a must read. It is smart, entertaining and thought-provoking.

Lisa says

I loved this book! I thought it was really funny despite being about a devastating topic. I was very blessed and never had infertility issues, but I have had many friends who have and even though this book was fiction, it's based on real-life events for sure (even the author explains that at the end). I felt like it gave me a good perspective on what some couples go through. I felt like I would be like a lot like the main character if I would have had issues with infertility, and I'm sure I would have tried all her "unconventional" methods as well! The one thing I felt was sadness (yes, even though it was fiction!) that she never prays or talks to God about her problems or ask Him for help. I just can't imagine going through life without Him and it was hard to have her ask "Zelda" instead, but I also know that's how it is for lots of people and it made the book a fun read for sure! Anyways, I loved this book and will definitely read more by this author!

sue says

Gina and Karl.

Gina had me in stitches a lot of the time in this book, I know it's a serious thing, fertility however, this author although based on her own experience found some light and humour through it all.

Problems with infertility can make you or break you.

The things that Gina does or suggests to her husband are good advice, down to wearing loose boxers to her giving up foods or drinks that might interfere with procreation.

This is chic lit for sure with an underlying seriousness of how this couple manage.

I've read loads if not all of this authors psychological thrillers/thriller so just wanted to see how she wrote a past book like this. She kept me so well entertained.

Darcysmom says

I was lucky enough to win a copy of *The Baby Trap* in a contest sponsored by the lovely Sibel Hodge.

Perhaps funny, sweet, and poignant aren't the first words you think of regarding a book about the journey of

infertility. *The Baby Trap* is all that and more.

Gina wakes up one morning and realizes the one thing missing from her life is a baby. Thus begins Gina and Karl's journey toward parenthood. The road to baby is about a million times bumpier than either of them could have predicted.

Gina is a fantastic character! Her inner monologue is hilarious. All the craziness she feels as she goes through various treatments feels very real. Gina is entirely relatable. The friends and mentors she surrounds herself with are warm and weird and wonderful. I particularly loved Poppy and Suzanne.

While this is very much Gina's story, her moments of clarity about her husband, Karl, are tremendously insightful. Despite the way their world gets turned inside out, the strength of their marriage is never in question. The strength of their love is a ribbon that winds itself throughout the story and is perhaps my favorite element of the book.

The Baby Trap will take you on a wild and wacky ride. One that you will likely want to get on more than once.

Krissy says

As someone facing and dealing with fertility issues this book was a blessing and a welcomed ,much needed lol riot. The author completely understands and depicts so many feelings that I for one can not put into words with out crying. I loved this book not just because I saw so much of myself in Gina ,but because ms.hodge took a very touchy subject ,made it interesting and sometimes funny with out losing the severity of it. It is almost as if Ms.Hodge were in my head when writing this. The depiction of Karl and Gina's relationship and the strain infertility has on a marriage is spot on. As women we sometimes forget that this effects our husbands too. Whether you are someone trying to conceive, already has a baby or of you are just looking for a good read I strongly suggest this book. I actually downloaded it for both my sisters who are in their twenties and not even thinking of families yet. This book is the perfect book to explain to them what's life is like for me on a daily basis. It will help them in a light way to maybe see a little glimpse of where I am at.

Crystal says

I truly enjoyed reading this book.

Gina and Karl are a great couple. Everything changes when Gina decides that she wants a baby.

This book tells about what a relationship goes through when you want something and everything else becomes second to that goal.

The author did a great job with this book and her characters. She made you laugh even while she was telling the emotional parts. I felt lots of emotions while reading this book. I had concerns when I was first married with trying to have a baby.

Theresa says

This was a well written book. I enjoyed how truly British it was (I'm American). The characters were likeable, and Gina (the main character) was truly believable. I would have liked to see Karl a little more developed though.

This is a story of infertility and not something I can relate to very well but it did make me sympathetic to the situation. It truly gave me an insight to how crazy we will become when we want something. I truly wished for her to have a double line each month!! I doubt I would read this again but it was enjoyable. It is also something I would recommend to anyone going to thru similar circumstances.

Kelley Something says

Let's get one thing straight: I am not on the baby train.

I need to get some more life experience under my belt, go back to school, become financially stable, and get married. Yep, that's a long, long way to go.

So, I wasn't sure if I would like *The Baby Trap* by Sibel Hodge. I mean, it's all about babies, infertility, and all of the tricks and tools of the trade. It all starts when Gina realizes that she actually does want to have children with her husband, Karl. However, after months and months of trying, there is still only one blue line on the pregnancy test. In this hilarious read, we follow Gina as she grows more and more baby obsessed. She tries everything from the average (holding her legs in the air for 10 minutes post baby-making session) to the extreme (*attempting* to picture a healing white light traveling to her ovaries as part of a mediation technique). It goes without saying, but life changes quite a bit for Karl too!

I liked this book because it was actually funny. This could totally be a movie and *Bridesmaids* star, Kristen Wiig (or even Maya Rudolph), would play the lead. (I know, I know, they're American and this is set in the UK. I don't care that I'm Americanizing this hypothetical movie!) It's that kind of funny. Good funny. You'll find yourself in hysterics over all of the less-than-polite words, antics, and sometimes just rotten luck that Gina and Karl encounter on their journey to babyville.

Final word: I'm not even on the baby train — let alone near the station — and I thought this book was hilarious. Think about what this book will do for you if you or a loved one has suffered from infertility. Hodge has a real talent for making light of this serious subject while also making you painfully aware of how torturous this ordeal is for so many couples. (Maybe it's because these events are based on Hodge's real life struggle with infertility.) Your heart will break at times, but your tears will mostly be from laughter.

After reading *The Baby Trap*, I'm definitely going to put another book by Sibel Hodge on my reading list.

Samantha March says

I received a copy of *The Baby Trap* in exchange for an honest review.

What a fun read! I love books where I am nothing like the main character yet I totally get her. I think that is major kudos to the writer. I really enjoyed the energy between Gina and her husband. Gina gets a tad crazy when it comes to making a baby, but her hubs sticks by her even when she makes him lay off the alcohol and start drinking green tea. I am not on the baby train quite yet in my life, but I really got into this story. It was easy for me to connect with Gina and share in her heartache and sheer confusion on why they were not getting pregnant. The ending was super interesting, and I definitely recommend this book!

4.5 stars

Lyn (Readinghearts) says

The Baby Trap is my first book by Sibel Hodge. How can a book about the trials and tribulations of infertility be funny or enjoyable? It seems impossible given the subject matter, but Sibel succeeds in making it both, as well as poignant, eye-opening, and informative. I must say, I was impressed. I was expecting something like a Sophie Kinsella book, and while there are similarities, this book had a bit more depth to me.

The opening line of the book, "Why is it that you spend most of your young adult life trying not to get pregnant, and yet when you actually want to get pregnant, you can't?" caught me right off the bat. As a woman who waited to try to get pregnant, I certainly identified with this line. Gina is a woman not unlike myself. Enjoys hanging out with her friends, is in no hurry to start a family...until one morning she wakes up and all that changes. As I journeyed with Gina and her husband on their trip through living by the calendar, fertility drugs, and, finally, IVF, I found myself alternately crying, cheering, shaking my head, and yes, laughing.

The best part about this book is the way the author showcases the feelings of the characters in the book. Although I have never been in Gina's place, or even involved in the process with a friend, Gina's ups and downs, highs and lows, joys and frustrations were exactly what I would have envisioned. The author has done a great job of showing me the pain and self doubt that would be inherent in a woman going through such an upheaval in her life.

This book was not just a one-sided story of how Gina felt, though. The author also did a superb job of telling Karl's story. His love for Gina shines through, but we also get to see his alternating feeling so elation and disillusionment, and the resulting frustration that he is feeling. Then there are Gina's friends, who are trying to be supportive in their own way, but really, how can you know what it is like if you have never been there. Such a great showcase of the feelings on all side of the issue.

Another thing that interested me with this book was the vocabulary. This is not the first British based book that I have read, but I swear, I learned more new words reading this book than in any other book I have read. At first it was a little strange and took some getting used to, but eventually I got the rhythm.

This book gets 4 stars from me for the real feelings showcased in the book and the wonderful way that the author handled a difficult subject with sensitivity and a bit of humor. And although the ending was by no means a surprise, it was somehow appropriate for this book.
